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GeoRef Advisory Committee

Function
The GeoRef Advisory Committee assists the GeoRef Department by developing for the Board of Directors ideas for information products and services and strategies for collecting and providing bibliographic information to the geoscience community.

Responsibilities
- Make recommendations on the policies of the GeoRef Scholarly Information.
- Make recommendations on GeoRef products, budget, staffing, coverage, marketing, pricing, production methods, and cooperative agreements.
- May establish task forces to study particular issues, with the consent of the Board of Directors.

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It is with tremendous sadness that we pass on the news that Dennis Trombatore passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2020 after a long illness. Dennis was a long-time Geonet participant and the long-term Chair of the GeoRef Advisory Committee. His expertise and his wit will be sorely missed and fondly remembered. An eloquent tribute to Dennis has been posted on the University of Texas website at [Dennis Trombatore](#).

Former Staff

It is with tremendous sadness that we pass on the news that former GeoRef Director John Mulvihill passed away. Read more here. Afifa Kechrid retired on April 28, 2023, after a career of 29 years at AGI. As a long-term Associate Editor in the Department of Scholarly Information, Afifa trained editor/indexers, translated records from French, Arabic, and Italian to English, and was personally responsible for adding more than 500,000 references to the worldwide known database GeoRef.
AGI thanked her for her service and wished her a happy retirement.

Sharon Tahirkheli retired on March 31st, 2023, as Director of Scholarly Information, following a career of more than 40 years of leadership within AGI and the field of geoscience information. She has served as AGI Interim Executive Director as well as the director overseeing GeoRef and AGI’s family of many additional information products and services. AGI celebrated, honored, and thanked her and wished her a happy retirement. Following her departure, Tia Colvin, a 25-year member of the AGI staff, will serve as Interim Director of Scholarly Information. Serving previously as Associate Editor, Colvin has been substantively engaged in many functions of AGI’s Department of Scholarly Information.